

## SOLICITATION NOTICE

### **2008 CALFED IMPLEMENTATION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLANS GRANT PROGRAM FULL PROPOSAL APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY 5:00 P.M. ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2008.**

This Solicitation Notice specifically targets those applicants invited to submit a Full Proposal for the 2008 CALFED Implementation of Watershed Management Plans Grant Program.

The State Water Board (Board), Division of Financial Assistance is accepting applications for the 2008 CALFED Watershed Grant Program to support implementation of Watershed Management Plan(s).

#### **Funding Available**

Approximately \$4 Million of Proposition 50 funds will be available for this solicitation with a minimum grant amount of \$1 Million and a maximum grant amount of \$4 million per project. A minimum match of 25% is required, but may be waived or reduced for projects that directly benefit a disadvantaged community.

#### **Program Preferences**

The Watershed Program seeks to support a small number of competitive proposals that will implement priorities in a Watershed Management Plan(s) that will directly contribute to improved natural resource conditions within the selected watershed(s), as well as the larger Bay-Delta system. Applicants need to demonstrate a secured funding match, obtain all required permits, and show the commitment of partnerships and cooperating entities. Proposals most likely to receive funding must successfully:

- Implement a suite of priority actions identified in an established Watershed Management Plan,
- Demonstrate readiness to complete the suite of activities within a two-year period, and maintain, monitor and evaluate actions for an additional three-year period,
- Measure, analyze and evaluate the project's effectiveness in improving the natural resource conditions in the watershed(s) and the Bay-Delta system, and
- Demonstrate the value of using a community based watershed approach to improve natural resource management and resource conditions in the watershed.

#### **Schedule**

Provide a schedule as a timeline or table showing the sequence and timing for implementation of the proposed Project. Discuss how the schedule is consistent with the work plan and identify any possible obstacles to the Project implementation. Discuss the related elements of the Project, their current status, and how the Applicant plans to ensure the timely completion of these related elements.

<b>2008 CALFED IMPLEMENTATION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLANS GRANT PROGRAM SCHEDULE</b>	
<b>MILESTONE OR ACTIVITY</b>	<b>SCHEDULE</b>
Solicitation Notice Released	August 8, 2008
Concept Proposal applications must be submitted to the State Water Board by 5:00 p.m. Applications submitted after 5:00 p.m. on the due date will not be reviewed or considered for funding.	September 17, 2008
Invite selected applicants to submit Full Proposal applications.	November 5, 2008
Full Proposal applications must be submitted to the State Water Board by 5:00 p.m. Applications submitted after 5:00 p.m. on the due date will not be reviewed or considered for funding.	December 12, 2008
The State Water Board Division approval of final grant awards.	April 2009

## Solicitation Process

Applicants invited to submit a Full Proposal may be asked to make a presentation of their proposed project, at the discretion of the Watershed Program and the State Water Board. Full Proposals will require letters of commitment from project partners, copies of the Watershed Management Plan that will be implemented, and evidence of readiness to implement the project. After a thorough review of all Full Proposals, the Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance will issue grants to implement the projects.

All invited applicants requesting funds from the 2008 CALFED Watershed Grant Program must submit a complete electronic Full Proposal by **5:00 pm on Friday, December 12, 2008** using the State Water Board's online Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (FAAST) system at <https://faast.waterboards.ca.gov>. **Late applications will not be accepted.**

To be considered complete, the submitted Full Proposal application must include all of the items in the checklist below. Applicants should use this checklist to verify all required information is submitted using the FAAST.

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## FULL PROPOSAL SOLICITATION NOTICE

**Table 1: Checklist for Completing the Online Full Application**

Within the FAAST, the following SECTIONS must be completed and submitted:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>General Information</b> (For the project location information requested in this section, specify the latitude and longitude values that are representative of the project. For large areas of land, specify the mid-point of the area. For a waterbody, specify the mid-point of the waterbody stretch.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Funding Programs</b> Check the box next to the "Watershed Grant Program". Consult with the contacts listed in this notice for questions regarding applicant eligibility, project eligibility, and program priorities.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Project Management</b> Please indicate the Project Director and the Project Manager from the applicant's organization.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Legislative Information</b> Enter the State assembly, State senate, and U.S. congressional districts where the project is located. For projects that include more than one district, please enter each district. Look at the tables provided in FAAST to assist with determining the appropriate districts.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Agency Contacts</b> This section must include all agency contacts (Regional Water Board, United States Environmental Protection Agency, etc.) that assisted in the development of the project proposal. You may enter more than one agency contact.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Cooperating Entities</b> List the organizations that will assist the applicant in implementing the project, including partner organizations, consultants, and volunteers. You may enter more than one cooperating entity. We may contact cooperating agencies as part of the application review process.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Performance Measure Classification</b> This is for data collection Purposes only and your responses will not affect the ranking of your project. Describe the characteristics of the project by entering or choosing from the given criteria from each of the following categories in the FAAST Performance Measure Classification Tab. (Please note: Save each entry by clicking on the "Save As Work in Progress" button before moving to the next Category tab) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Purpose of the project</b>- Select the purpose of your project and enter the percentage for each indicated purpose.</li> <li>2. <b>Waterbody</b>- Select the type of waterbody and the percentage that will be addressed in your project.</li> <li>3. <b>Land Use</b>- Select the land uses in the project area and enter a percentage for each one.</li> <li>4. <b>Site Condition</b>-Select the Site condition that is causing the impairment that your project will address and enter the percentage for each condition.</li> <li>5. <b>Implementation Activities</b>-Select the Implementation activities that will be implemented by your project and enter a percentage for each activity.</li> <li>6. <b>TMDL</b>- Select the TMDL phase in the Attribute name dropdown and select the TMDL Stressor in the Sub-attribute dropdown and enter the percentage for each stressor.</li> <li>7. <b>BMP</b>- Select the BMPs and the BMP subgroups that will be implemented by the project and enter a percentage for each BMP.</li> <li>8. <b>Sampling</b>- Select the Constituents that will be sampled and monitored in the project.</li> </ol>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Required Attachments: Convert all documents to PDF before posting</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Attachment 1 Project Description, Map, and Photos</b> - Limit 4 pages</li> <li>2. <b>Attachment 2 Scope of Work</b> – Use the <b>Scope of Work Template</b>  <a href="http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/consolidgrants0506/cg_sow.shtml">http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/consolidgrants0506/cg_sow.shtml</a></li> <li>3. <b>Attachment 3 Detailed Budget</b> – Use the spreadsheet template posted online.</li> <li>4. <b>Attachment 4 Schedule</b> – See details listed above.</li> <li>5. <b>Attachment 5 Draft or Final Environmental Documents</b></li> <li>6. <b>Attachment 6 Monitoring and Performance Measurement</b> – Use the template posted online.</li> <li>7. <b>Attachment 7 Letters of Commitment</b></li> </ol>

<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Optional Attachments:</b> (Only if needed)</p> <p>Letters of support.  Draft or Final Designs, Technical Reports  Disadvantaged Community Information  Environmental Justice Information</p>	<p>Attachments submitted, <u>must</u> conform to the following formatting requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PDF format</li> <li>• Letter (8.5" x 11") size paper;</li> <li>• Single-spaced or wider;</li> <li>• Times New Roman font - Size 11 or larger; and</li> <li>• One inch (1-inch) margins.</li> </ul>
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For further assistance on the 2008 CALFED Watershed Grant Program, please contact Mr. Dan Wermiel of the Department of Conservation at (910) 324-9017 [dan.wermiel@conservation.ca.gov](mailto:dan.wermiel@conservation.ca.gov) or Mr. Ruben Mora of the Division of Financial Assistance, at (916) 341-5387 [rmora@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:rmora@waterboards.ca.gov).

For questions about the State Water Board's Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (FAAST), please contact FAAST staff by phone at (866) 434-1083, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., or by email at [faast\\_admin@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:faast_admin@waterboards.ca.gov).